

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 – 19 without prejudice or disclaimer, and added Claims 20 – 43 to overcome the rejections and further specify the embodiments of the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended and added claims. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

Applicant respectfully submits that document 7308086-3 (AD) filed on January 31, 2006 satisfies the requirements for information disclosure statement because this document was explained in the specification as originally filed (see page 1, lines 15 – 20). Therefore, the objection to IDS has been overcome and withdrawal of objection is respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTION:

Claims 1, 6 and 16 have been objected to because of informalities.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 6 and 16 have been cancelled and new Claims 20 – 43 has overcome the informalities indicated by the Examiner. Therefore, the objection to Claims 1, 6 and 16 has been overcome and withdrawal of objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 SECOND PARAGRAPH:

Claims 1 – 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections have been overcome by this amendment. More specifically, have been cancelled and new Claims 20 – 43 has overcome the informalities indicated by the Examiner.

Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 8, 12 – 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as allegedly being anticipated by Trell (US Patent 3,947,641), hereinafter Trell.

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited reference. It is respectfully submitted that new Claims 20 – 43 are not anticipated by Trell.

The present invention as claimed is significantly different from Trell. A visitor in Trell must use the entrance set for calling a B-replier. For this, the entrance set is permanently connected to a telephone network (assuring that only authorized B-repliers can react, by means of initial number discrimination), so an entrance call arrives as an incoming call on the B-repliers telephone line. When offhooking, B-replier can converse, send DTMFs etc. over the established connection. However, the B-replier cannot "send" CLIP to the entrance set, since CLIP only arrives on the "ring" when somebody calls and are generated by the central office or base station. One cannot ring up the entrance set on the same, already engaged line.

In addition, the present invention is different conceptually from Trell in that, B-replier must actively call said device in order to signal and effectuate access (Application specification, page 4, lines 7 – 37; page 5, lines 9—12). In order to do so, the telephone

line, if called by a visitor on that line, must be free. This can be done by B-replier establishing a conference call or ending an “entrance call.”

In addition, before being called by a B-replier, said device is inactive and not employed at all. It can actually be all invisible and physically unmanageable for a visitor (see specification, page 2, lines 35—37l; page 3; page 4, lines 1 – 5; and page 5, lines 14 –34). Instead of, as in Trell, using a device to call a B-replier, a visitor uses his/her own communication means, typically a mobile phone, but other means may also be possible (Page 4, lines 14 – 18). To better understand the “invisibility” of the device, one could refer to US Pat. No. 7,031,665.

In summary, the newly presented claims are not anticipated by Trell and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 6, 11 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Trell in view of Jervill Martin (WO 00/35178). Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Trell in view of Carter (US 7,193,644). Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Trell in view of Trell II (US 5,046,083).

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the embodiments of present-claimed invention are not obvious over the cited prior art references. As stated above, there are significant difference between the present invention and Trell. As indicated above, one cannot ring up the entrance set on the same, already engaged line, which means that combining Trell with Martin is not operable to a person of ordinary skill in the art. The present invention involves vast and advantageous progress over prior art, enabling hitherto unavailable features.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no motivation to combine Trell with other cited references. Even if they are modified or combined, they will not render the present claimed invention obvious. One of ordinary skill in the art would not discern the present invention as claimed at the time of its invention.

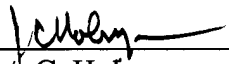
Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103, second paragraph, has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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